GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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BOGIBEEL BRIDGE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total share of financial and other responsibilities finalized, component-wise and year-wise sanctioned as well as sectoral achievement made on execution of Bogibeel Bridge Project over Brahmaputra both by the Railways and the NHAI;

(b) the year-wise target set for allocation, sectoral implementation and completion of the entire project indicating sources of funding;

(c) whether recurring flood and other problems have delayed the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to overcome the causes of delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)& (b) Out of the total cost of the project of Rs. 1767 crore, the share of the Railways is Rs. 1109 crore and that of this Ministry is Rs. 658.40 crore. The Railways are constructing the main bridge and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have been entrusted with the construction of the approaches. Railways have sanctioned part detailed estimate for Rs. 949.22 crore, so far. They have also processed the tenders for construction of substructure of the main bridge including guide bunds. The NHAI have engaged consultant for preparation of Detailed Project Report which is likely to be completed by June 2005 and thereafter, the construction of approaches would commence. The entire project is likely to be completed by year 2008-09, subject to availability of funds.

(c)& (d) The floods have been damaging the flood dykes, but the repair work is being carried out by the Railways as and when required.